

# SAGE COLLEGE

## Newsletter

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## Happy Chinese New Year

In line with our international traditions, we did not want to miss the Chinese New Year celebration. All classes developed different initiatives and we enjoyed a special menu to commemorate the occasion.



### HOUSE POINTS

-WATER-



823

-AIR-



645

-FIRE-



725

-EARTH-



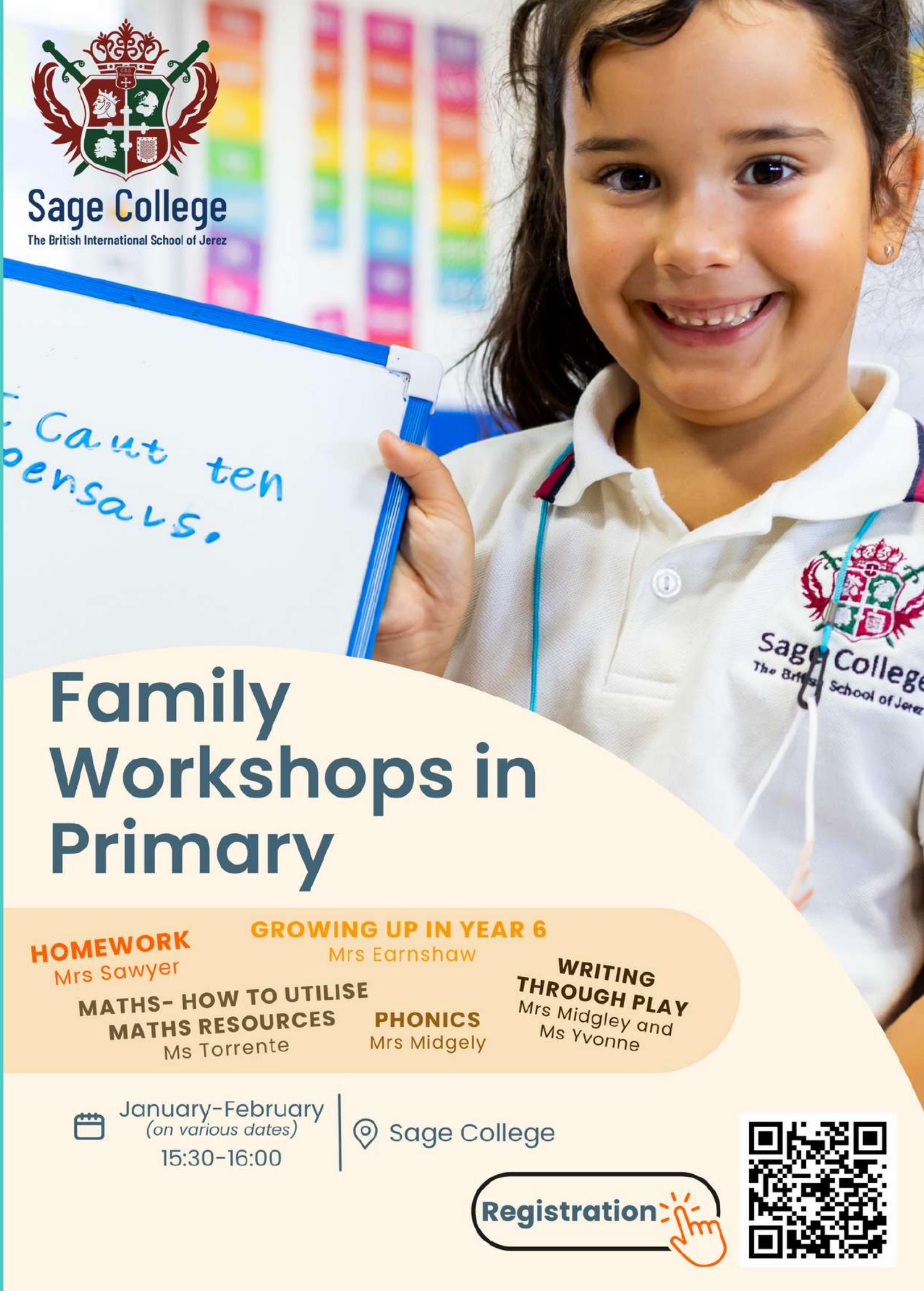
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# Family Workshops in Primary

**HOMEWORK**  
Mrs Sawyer

**GROWING UP IN YEAR 6**  
Mrs Earnshaw

**MATHS- HOW TO UTILISE  
MATHS RESOURCES**  
Ms Torrente

**PHONICS**  
Mrs Midgely

**WRITING  
THROUGH PLAY**  
Mrs Midgley and  
Ms Yvonne



January-February  
*(on various dates)*  
15:30-16:00



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**Registration**



# -EARLY YEARS NEWS-

## HAPPY YEAR OF THE RABBIT!

### Nursery learns more about the Chinese New Year with Maisy



This week **The Friendly Frogs** have been learning more about the **Chinese New Year** and how people celebrate this festivity in their country.

Going through **'Maisy's Chinese New Year'** story book, they have **designed beautiful lanterns for decorating the classroom**, learned **how to use the chopsticks** by picking noodles and placing them in plates, making their rabbit greeting cards for welcoming 2023, and mark-making, using chopsticks as well, on red and golden glitter.

Finally, they attended the **Chinese New Year Primary Assembly**, where other students performed **songs and dances**, and were able to **try some Chinese dishes** for lunch. And at the end of the day, all of The Friendly Frogs took home a tangerine as a gift, because it is believed to bring happiness and luck.

They loved to take most of Maisy's customs described in the story to their practical context in class.



# - PRIMARY NEWS -



## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

A wonderful buzz as our theater came alive with discussion

On Monday 16th January, Primary held their **Parent/teacher conferences where parents were invited to come into school for a discussion about their child's progression so far this year.** It was a great opportunity for parents to ask questions and find out more about how they can support their child at home and the future targets that will be established this term. We embrace these moments of meeting with families and see the **vital importance of maintaining home/school relationships.** Thank you to all the parents who attended and again thank you to our wonderful teachers who always strive for the best for each and every child.



## YEAR 5 LUNCH MONITORS

More Role Models in our school

Last term, Year 5 took it upon themselves to recognise areas of improvement within the dining hall. They met with their teacher Mrs Benjamin and talked through ways of improving the dining experience at lunch time. They came up with different ways and systems that could be used to help food wastage and to help younger students to follow the expectations. Finally, it was decided that with such enthusiasm for the cause, Year 5 students would be the most suitable candidates to help us roll out these ideas. Therefore, starting this week, **some Year 5 students have become "Lunch Monitors"**. The Lunch monitors have a roster where **they work with the teachers on duty to help the younger students to try new food, practice using their cutlery and they remind them to use manners and follow the dining room rules and expectations.**

The staff have been very impressed with the maturity and responsibility the Year 5 students have shown throughout this process and are excited to see the ways they continue to role model our school values and support other children each and every day.

Well done, Year 5 Lunch monitors!



# -PRIMARY NEWS-

## WHAT IS IN THE EGG??

Year One were very excited this week by the arrival of an egg in our classroom!

This term in English, Year One are learning about **how to write instructions**. We had a very unusual arrival this week and we will be writing instructions for how to care for the animal inside! We all had different ideas about **what animal might be inside the egg**, could it be a bird, a chicken, a unicorn or even a dinosaur?

We decided that **we will need to look after the egg very carefully until it is ready to hatch!** We are so excited to see what might be inside...



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# - MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS -

## Middle School students celebrate Chinese New Year

As well as being cute, **rabbits** in the Chinese Zodiac are regarded as being **peaceful and compassionate, symbolizing hard work and truth**. In preparing for the Chinese New Year which is also the first day of spring in the lunar calendar, Middle School Students have been learning some of these values which are highlighted below.

Year 7 students were busy **handcrafting brightly coloured paper into origami rabbits** and encouraged to write Chinese characters to form couplets and **verses on large red banners** to greet and wish each other happiness for the New Year. In addition, these students learned about performing the **dragon dance**.

Year 8 students were working on a special presentation to the primary school assembly which introduced the story of the **Chinese Zodiac** with special emphasis on the New Year of the Rabbit which started Sunday 22 January.

Year 9 students have been actively participating with word guessing and riddle games which are specially used during Chinese **New Year like good wishes (恭喜 Gōngxǐ), Happy New Year (新年快乐 Xīnnián kuàilè) & peace (平安 Píngān)**.



# -HIGH SCHOOL NEWS-

## EXCELLENCE

### MOCK exams

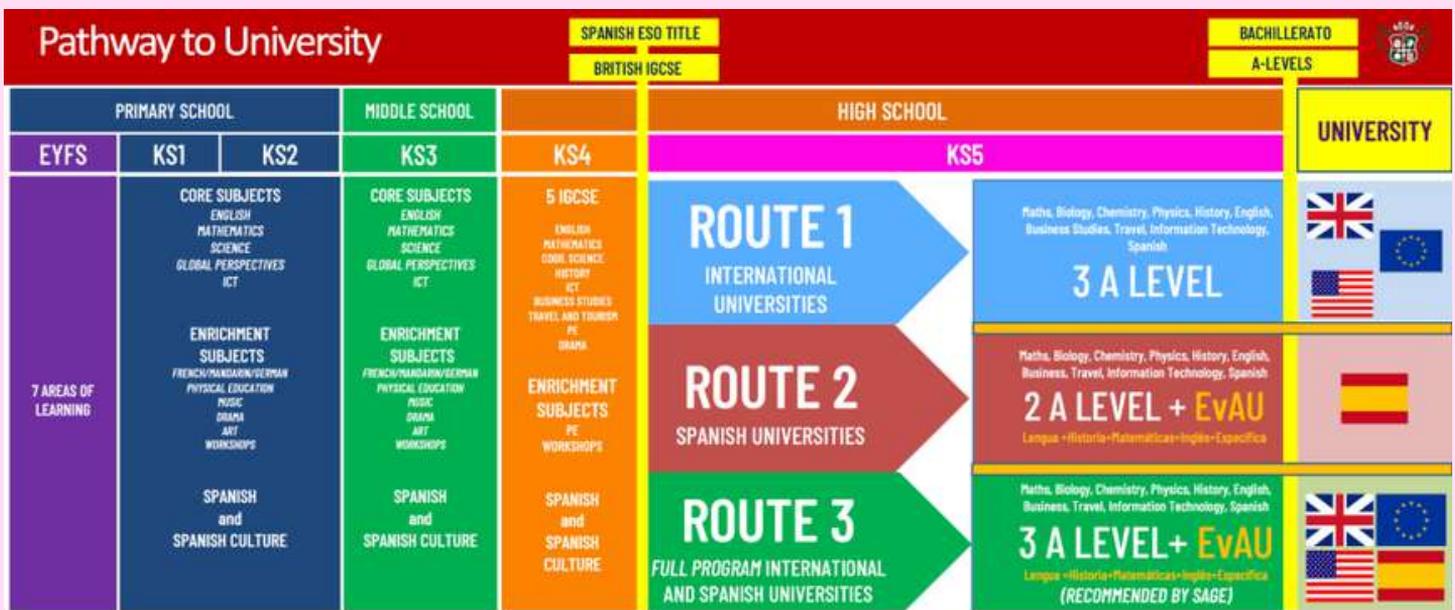
This week, High School students have started their **MOCK exams**, which will finish on Friday next week. They are all showing good commitment and we would like to congratulate them on the effort made. **Good luck!**



## INTERNATIONAL

Access to any university around the world

MOCK exams are one of the progress points for our students when working towards the near goal, **June 2023**. It is when our High School students will take their **official IGCSE, A level and EvAU exams**. **These official exams will allow them to go to any university around the world.** And this possibility reinforces one of our main school values: international.



## RESPECT

### Working together

**Alicia Plaza and Gonzalo Vela, Head Girl and Head Boy, respectively, talked to our High School students** about this month's value: **cooperation**. It is only when we work all together and respect each other when success is nearer. Well done!



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